

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph starting at line 6 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

17/ This invention relates to a method of using a form-fill-seal packaging machine for forming bags while concurrently filling and sealing them with articles to be packaged and more particularly to a method of longitudinally sealing a tubularly formed bag-making material to form a bag by using such a bag-making material.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 6-23.

Add the following new claims:

24. A method of longitudinally sealing overlapping portions of a tubularly formed bag-making material by means of a heater unit at a sealing position, said method comprising the steps of:

2/ moving said heater unit from a retracted position to said sealing position by supplying air at a higher pressure to an air cylinder which serves to move said heater unit reciprocatingly between said retracted position and said sealing position; and

17/ thereafter supplying air at a lower pressure which is lower than said higher pressure to said air cylinder and controlling said lower pressure to cause said heater unit to longitudinally seal said bag-making material at a specified sealing pressure.

2/ 25. The method of claim 24 wherein air at said lower and higher pressures is supplied from a single air source and by varying the pressure of air at said air source to said lower and higher pressures and by using a switch means for selectively providing air at said lower pressure or said higher pressure.